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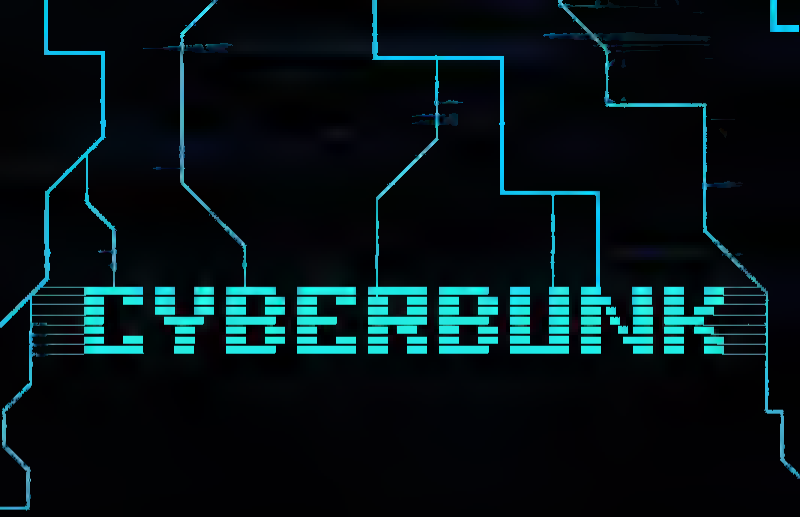

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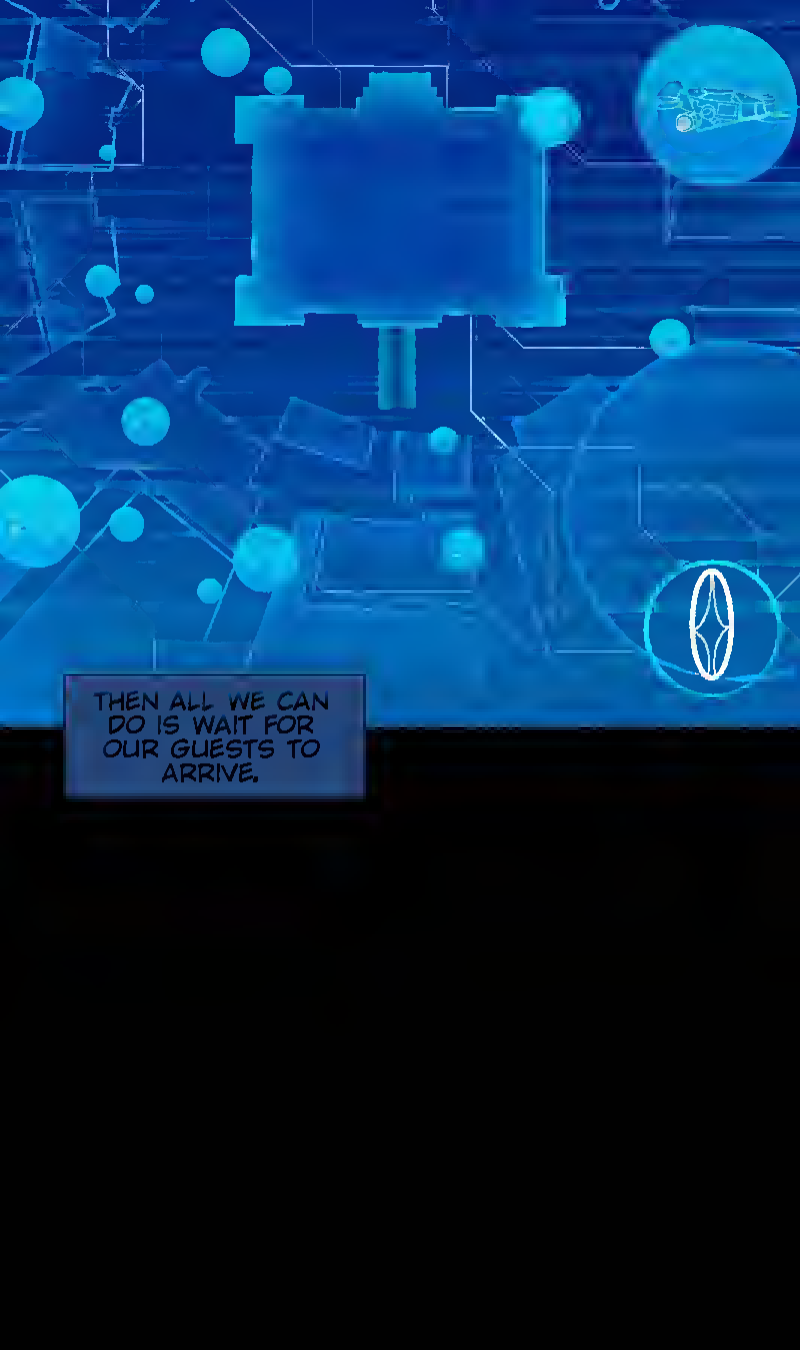
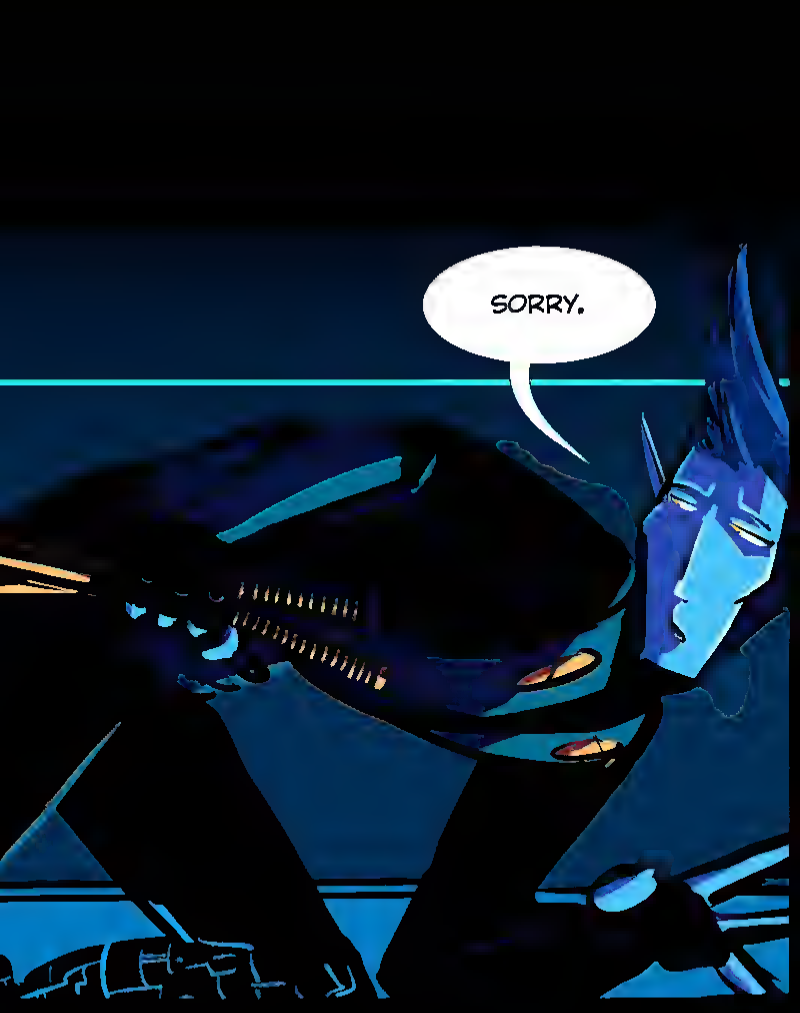
WE'VE DOUBLE CHECKED THE NETWORK?

YES MA'AM. ALL UNITS HAVE REPORTED IN.


THEN ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR OUR GUESTS TO ARRIVE.

AND IF THEY DON'T SHOW?
WE STAY WITH THE AMBASSADOR.

THWAC!
RANIAL.


SORRY.

I'M SURE THIS WILL
BE OVER SOON.

SCREEECH

AT LEAST YOU AIN'T HAULING *LUGGAGE*.

SAYS THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO CAN *STAND*.
WHY ARE THESE HALLWAYS THE ONLY GNOME SIZED THINGS IN THE COUNTRY?

THEY WERE MADE SO WE COULD MOVE AROUND THE BUILDING EASIER.
WITHOUT ATTRACTING ATTENTION, OF COURSE.

ISN'T SOMEONE MONITORING THEM?

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I MEAN, ISN'T THAT YOUR THING HERE?

YOU'RE FREE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT AS LONG AS YOU'RE MONITORED ALL THE FRAKKING TIME?

SORT OF.
BUT WE'RE IN
A PRIVATE BUILDING.

SECURITY
CLEARANCE
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ONLY OUR OWN SECURITY CAN MONITOR THESE HALLS.

CLICK

AND I'VE TAKEN PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE OUR PRIVACY.

WAIT! DOES MOM KNOW

I'M HERE?

THE PNA TOLD US YOU WERE COMING, BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHO YOU WERE.

DAD, YOU

HAVE NO IDEA
HOW DANGEROUS
IT IS JUST TO HAVE
US HERE.

YOU MEAN IF THEY FIGURE OUT THAT THE BOMBASTUS FAMILY IS PROTECTING A TERRORIST?

WELL, THAT TOO. BUT IF THEY FIGURE OUT I'M A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY AND A POSTIE.

THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, ELF.

NO ONE TAKES ANOTHER STEP UNTIL I FIND OUT WHY YOU'RE HERE...
...AND WHAT YOUR INTENTIONS ARE WITH MASTER IAN.

THEY'RE *FRIENDS*, ARAMIS.